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Sir:

This Communication is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated September 27, 2004, issued by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Final Office Action is due December 27, 2004. Accordingly, this Communication is being filed within two months (as November 27, 2004 fell on a weekend) to allow for issuance of an advisory action before the due date for the Notice of Appeal.

The claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of the paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.